

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Masakuni NODA et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1636  
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Application No.: 10/500,911 ) Examiner: Daniel M. SULLIVAN  
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371 (c) Date: July 8, 2004 )  
 ) Confirmation No.: 7125  
I.A. Filing Date: January 9, 2003 )  
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For: SCREENING METHOD )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
Sir:

**SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Applicants are in receipt of the Final Office Action mailed June 30, 2008, the date for response having been extended to October 30, 2008, by a Petition for One Month Extension of Time and fee concurrently filed with this response. Applicants submit herewith a Request for Continued Examination and this reply to satisfy the submission required under 37 C.F.R.

§ 1.114. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.

**Attachments** to this amendment include:

- Parving “Microalbuminuria in essential hypertension and diabetes mellitus” *Journal of Hypertension Suppl.* 14(2):S89-93 (1996);
- Rivarola et al. “Transforming growth factor beta activity in urine of patients with type 2 diabetes and diabetic nephropathy” *Braz J Med Biol Res* 32(12): 1525-1528 (1999);

- Dal Canton “Adhesion molecules in renal disease” *Kidney International* 48:1687-1696 (1995);
- McClusky “Tissue factor in Crescentic Glomerulonephritis” *American Journal of Pathology* 150(3):787-792 (1997); and
- Eddy “Molecular insights into renal interstitial fibrosis” *Journal of the American Society of Nephrology* 7:2495-2508 (1996).